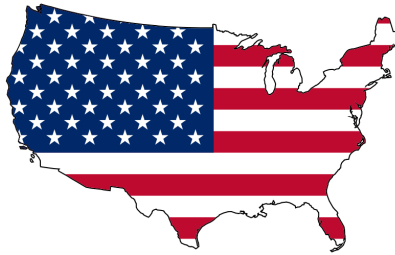


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## Presents Newsletter *C O L L A G E*



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#### **1. NATO Reaffirms Libya Group's Call for Qadhafi to Step Down**

Foreign ministers representing the 28-member NATO alliance met in Berlin April 14–15 to reaffirm and follow up on an April 13 statement by the Libya Contact Group in Doha calling for Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi to leave and for attacks against Libyan civilians to end.

#### **2. International Momentum Builds to Improve Disaster Preparedness**

Washington — Images of Japan's earthquake destruction remained fresh in the global memory five weeks after an earthquake and tsunami, as Asian leaders and global donors came together April 15 to advance disaster preparedness and risk reduction at local, national and international levels. ...

#### **3. Global Food Prices Spike, Remain Volatile**

High and volatile food prices are "the biggest threat" to the poor around the world, said World Bank President Robert Zoellick. "Already 44 million people have fallen into poverty since June of last year," ...

#### **4. U.S. Says IMF, World Bank "Vital" to Address Global Challenges**

Washington — The International Monetary Fund and World Bank are "vital for addressing the challenges of today and those that lie beyond the horizon," says U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, ...

#### **5. Preserving Water with a Camera Lens**

The U.S. State Department's Information Resource Center in Lima, Peru, organized a continent-wide photo contest under the banner "FOTOTIERRA" to promote World Water Day. The winning photos depict scenes from across South America that demonstrate the importance of water conservation.

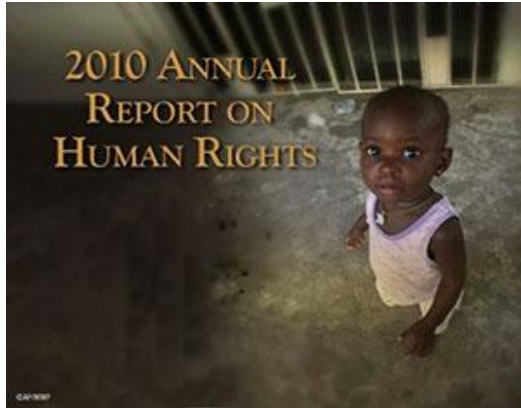
#### **6. Kids' Questions on Climate Change**

Journalist Charles McCutcheon is the author of What Are Global Warming and Climate Change? Answers for Young Readers. We asked Lela, a Washington primary-school student, to interview him. In preparation for the interview, she gathered questions from other kids ages 8 to 12. ...

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### **[2010 Human Rights Report: Macedonia](#)**

Published by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor in the U.S. State Department



### **[Ambassador Reeker Speaks to Good Thought](#)**

Ambassador Reeker appeared on the "Good Thought" talk show on TV Alfa. The Ambassador spoke positively about his professional experiences, highlighting the successes of the U.S. Mission in Macedonia.



### **[Ambassador Reeker meets President Obama](#)**

President Obama welcomed Ambassador Reeker to the White House in February.



## **Training the Trainers in Trial Skills**

The US Department of Justice Office and the Macedonian Academy for Training Prosecutors and Judges completed a three day program in trial skills for 25 legal professionals to work as trainers.

[Story](#)



## **The Brown Forum: Trade and Investment**

Ambassador Reeker, with government officials and business leaders from Macedonia, participated in the two day event seeking new economic connections for Macedonia with the U.S. and the region.



## **Partnering on Border Security**

U.S. Border Patrol experts led a "Green Border Surveillance and Tracking Techniques Training" in the vicinity of the Bogorodica border crossing with eighteen border police officers from Macedonia.



## **Ambassador Reeker Speaks to BTR TV for Roma Day**

"The Roma community has a long and rich history in Macedonia and the U.S. Mission here has invested a great deal in the Roma community through our Democracy Commission program."



## **US Donation to Pediatric Surgery Clinic**

A \$350,000 renovation and donation through the U.S. European Command Humanitarian Assistance Program will improve the quality of care for Macedonia's youngest patients at the Pediatric Surgery Clinic. [Video »](#)

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